



Mount Argus Bulletin

The Parish of St Paul of the Cross

Saint Paul's Retreat, Mount Argus, Dublin D6W XR66

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Masses at Mount Argus

Sunday: 8.00 am, 11.00 am, 4.00 pm
Monday to Friday: 10.00 am, 6.15 pm
Saturdays: 11.00 am, 6.15 (Vigil Mass)
Working Holydays 6.15 pm Vigil, 10.00 am, 6.15 pm

Church Opening Hours

Sunday: 7.30 am to 5.00 pm
Monday to Friday: 9.30 am to 6.45 pm
Saturday: 10.30 am to 7.00 pm

Blessing with the Relic of St Charles

Monday to Friday after 10.00 am Mass
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday at 4.00 pm
Saturday after 11.00 am Mass
Sunday after 11.00 am and 4.00 pm Mass
St Charles Novena Mass: Saturday, 11.00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday:
11.00 - 11.30 am, 4.00 - 4.30 pm
Saturday: 4.00 to 5.30 pm

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesdays and Fridays: 4.00 to 6.00 pm

The Baptism of The Lord

The baptism of the Lord marks the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, and the end of the Christmas season. Jesus' baptism is a trinitarian theophany, a revelation of his identity as God's beloved Son and his mission, the Spirit descending like a dove and the Father's voice affirming Him from heaven.

We read from the prophet Isaiah about the Lord's servant, embodied in Jesus; one who is "*upheld*" and "*chosen*" by God, and filled with His Spirit, a servant who accomplishes his mission through quiet strength, compassion, and faithfulness. The image of one who "*will not cry out or shout aloud*" reveals the gentleness of God's justice - a justice which restores rather than crushes. The servant refuses to "*break a crushed reed*" or "*quench the wavering flame*", showing that God's heart bends toward the weak and the vulnerable.

Fittingly, the Psalm for today's feast overflows with the imagery of water. Water is a symbol of cleansing and new life. The Holy Spirit breathed her wisdom across the primordial waters in the creation story.

For we who call ourselves Christian, we are united with Christ through our baptism. We share in his priesthood and are tasked to continue with his mission of transforming the world through our living out his Gospel values of love, compassion and justice. Let us pray for a spirit of renewal, enlivened and enriched by the gifts of the Spirit.

Child Safeguarding

Mount Argus Parish is committed to ensuring the highest level of protection for all children who engage with our parish in any way. For information about the work of our Child Safeguarding Team or for the Dublin Diocese Statement, Procedures and Guidelines, see the poster at our Church notice boards or go to www.mountargusparish.ie/child-protection. To speak to a member of the Mount Argus Child Protection Safeguarding Team, please call 085 187 6203. A copy of the "Child Safeguarding Statement of the Archdiocese of Dublin, 2025", prepared to comply with the requirements of the Children's First Act 2015, is available at the reception desk in the monastery.

The Child Safeguarding & Protection newsletter for January 2026 is now available at <https://www.dublindiocese.ie/csps/news/>

Car Parking

The monitoring of the car park has now been introduced so that Church users and visitors to the Monastery can easily find a parking space. Cars of persons visiting the Church and the Monastery, or attending parish activities, will **NOT** be clamped.

Family Mass

Our special Family Mass, with the children taking part in the readings and the prayer of the faithful, will be **Sunday, 11th January at 11.00 am**, after which you are invited for tea/coffee in the St Charles Centre.

Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council will meet on **Tuesday 13 January at 7:30pm**. If you wish to bring any matter to the Council, please approach any of the members (see display board at the back of the church), or contact Fr Aidan.

Parish Collection Envelopes

Parish Envelopes for 2026 are available for collection from the office in the monastery. Parish envelopes are a means of tracking regular payments you make towards the maintenance and upkeep of the parish and, where desired, can assist tax/charitable purposes. We invite those who use the envelopes to keep the same number they had last year and to provide their name and address when collecting their envelopes. If you do not have a set and would like one, please let us know.

Anam Cara

Anam Cara which supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening on **Monday, 12 January at 7.30 pm** in the Maldron Hotel, Tallaght, Dublin 24. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not.

#YML (Young Adult Ministry)

Registration is now open for the second intake of the **Diocesan Certificate in Young Adult Ministry – #YML**. Beginning 24 January and running over six Saturdays, the aim of this course is to build up the capacity of Youth Ministry and Youth Ministry Leadership throughout the Archdiocese of Dublin. It is a highly practical course where participants are given new experiences and key resources, including gaining vital skills to put into practice

in their local context, while also being grounded in key church documents such as *Christus Vivit*. For more information, please contact natalie.doherty@dublindiocese.ie. Registration is open and can be accessed: <https://forms.office.com/e/Et8sXCxNtC>

We pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish....; we remember those who have died recently:

Patick Somers, Lucy McDonald, Catherine Kane and Sr Carmel Murphy LSA (funeral on Monday at 11:30am); and those whose anniversary occurs at this time: Kenneth Hollywood, Thomas Dunne, Dermot, Danny and Tony O’Ryan, Ann LaGru, Gorman Family members and extended family, Maureen and Michael Lee, Michael and Sheila McDonald, Eddie Kinsella, William Dolan jr., Jane Tess O’Connell, Aileen White, Michael Fitzgerald, John, Peg and Sean Dunne and Mary Carmel Fox..

Financial Update

Last week’s collection	€1,190.00
Bank Standing Orders (approx.)	€250.00

Donations via website	€136.00
and card machines	€754.00

Volunteers

Hopefully, in the not-too-distant future, the Parish Pastoral Council and I can more clearly highlight the many areas (in addition to below), in which your help and support would be greatly valued, and where a lending hand will be greatly welcomed and appreciated.

Already we have volunteers serving as/in: Parish Pastoral Council, Parish Centre Management Team, Baptism Team, Religious Education Team, Special Family Mass/Liturgy, choir members, readers, Eucharistic ministers, ushers, welcome & hospitality, counters, florists, cleaners.

In the meantime, if you think you would like to volunteer in any capacity, offering your skills, talents, ability, or time to the parish community, please do not hesitate to approach me.

Fr. Aidan

The Parish Pastoral Council and the Passionist Community wish you a blessed and peace-filled New Year